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Biographical/Historical Note

The Arkansas Employment Security Division was created in 1937 by Act 155 of the Arkansas Legislature, and was known as the Bureau of Labor's Unemployment Compensation Division. With its establishment, all Arkansas employers were required to contribute a percentage of their employees' earnings to funds that could be used in the event that these workers became involuntarily unemployed.

In 1941, the Unemployment Compensation Division changed its name to the Arkansas Employment Security Division. It also restructured its mission and services in order to better handle the state's influx of industrial defense projects and workers.

This name and mission remained until 2005, when the division reorganized to become the Department of Workforce Services. The mission was rewritten to reflect the growing need for the state's workers and employers to compete in a global economy.

In addition to linking workers and job-seekers with a variety of employment services, the department maintains records on unemployment insurance, workforce investment activities, and labor market information.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains annual reports, handbooks, service bulletins, research and statistics, Advisory Council quarterly meeting minutes, conference proceedings, laws and regulations, reports on Arkansas's industry and agriculture, and a variety of miscellaneous documents.

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